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The reply filed on 24 June 2002 is not fully responsive because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the clean copy of claims as amended is not clean. Claim 1 contains underlining, which precludes the entry of the amendment. 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(i) states that a "rewritten or newly added claim must be in clean form, that is, without markings to indicate the changes that have been made". Since the "clean" copy of claim 1 is the same as the "marked-up" copy of claim 1, it is not clear what changes are being made. See also MPEP 714.20 which indicates that amendments should not be entered in part except under certain circumstances. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Communication from the Examiner mailed September 25, 2002. The response is filed on or before the due date of October 25, 2002, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2310 (Our Order No. A-68064-1/463077-77/RFT/RMS/RMK).

The Office communication states that the responsive is not fully responsive because a clean copy of amended claim 1 was not provided, preventing the amendment from being entered.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claim:

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1. (Amended) A non-naturally occurring insulin activity (IA) protein comprising an amino acid sequence which comprises substitution of at least one amino acid residue when compared to an amino acid sequence of a naturally occurring human insulin and wherein said IA protein has an altered property when compared to the same property of human insulin and binds to a cell comprising an insulin receptor.